


CONCLUSION

By the preliminary amendment set forth above, claims 1-40 have been cancelled and claims 41-57 have been added for consideration. Amendments to the specification and drawings have been made in order to reflect current priority information and changes made to priority documents. The undersigned representative kindly requests acceptance of the submitted formal drawings. The undersigned representative respectfully requests a notice of allowance with respect to the presented claims. Should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the number provided. In addition, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 501458.

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